

KIDWELLY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

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Borough Offices,
KIDWELLY.

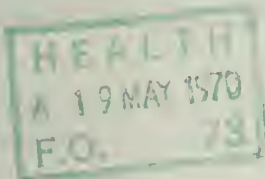
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1968.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Kidwelly.

I beg to submit my Report for the year 1968 on the health administration of the Borough. The Report also incorporates that of the Public Health Inspector.

In doing so, I would like to thank the Mayor, Aldermen, Councillors and Officials for their assistance and kindness during the year.

E.H.Beynon Hopkins,
Medical Officer of Health.



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BOROUGH OF KIDWELLY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1968.

Mr. Mayor, Miss Squier and Gentlemen,

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE BOROUGH.

Your district covers an area of.....2854 acres.
Population (mid-year) 1968 Estimated by Registrar General.....2920
Density per acre.....1.00
Number of inhabited dwellings at April 1968.....980
Sum represented by a Penny Rate on R.V.....£229
Rateable Value at April 1968.....£53,341
Unemployment. The average number of unemployed for the year was 115 weekly (94 males - 21 females) out of an insured population of 1569. This is equivalent to 7.3% of the insured population. These figures are applicable for Kidwelly and include Trimsaran, Llansaint, Ferryside and Llandefeilog - the areas administered by the Kidwelly Employment Exchange of the Department of Employment and Productivity.

VITAL STATISTICS:

DEATHS:

Males - 21	Females - 20	TOTAL - 41
Rates per 1,000 home population - Crude Rate - 14.0 Adjusted Rate - 15.68		
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to National Rate - 1.32		

DEATHS (65 and over)

Males - 12	Females - 17	TOTAL - 29
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LIVE BIRTHS:

Males - 16	Females - 27	TOTAL - 43
Rates per 1,000 home population - Crude Rate - 14.7 Adjusted Rate - 16.46		
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to National Rate - 0.97		

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS:

Males - 2	Females - 2	TOTAL - 4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births - 9.3		
Illegitimacy rate per 1,000 total live Births - 93.02 (England and Wales 84.0)		

STILL BIRTHS:

Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births -		NIL

ILLEGITIMATE STILL BIRTHS:

Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Illegitimate still births per cent of total still births -		Nil
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS		- 43

INFANT DEATHS (deaths under 1 year)

Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
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ILLEGITIMATE INFANT DEATHS (deaths under 1 year)

Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per cent of total Infant Deaths -		Nil

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births.....	Nil
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate live births.....	Nil
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate live births.....	Nil

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 4 weeks)

	Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total live births	-		Nil

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week)

	Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total live births	-		Nil

PERINATAL MORTALITY (Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week)

	Males - Nil	Females - Nil	TOTAL - Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total live and still births	-		Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

	Number of deaths -	Nil
Rate per 1,000 Total live and still births	-	Nil

RATES PER 1,000 OF ESTIMATED POPULATION:

	Crude Rate.	Adjusted Rate.	Rate for England & Wales.
Live births	14.7	16.46 (a)	16.9
Deaths	14.0	15.68 (b)	11.9
Rate of still births per 1,000 Live and Still Births.	Nil		14.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	Nil(c)		18.0

CORRESPONDING RATES FOR KIDWELLY (previous years)

	1966	1967
(a)	14.77	14.99
(b)	20.19	14.69
(c)	Nil	26.3

Year	Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Total Births.	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Births.	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 related Live Births.	Illegitimacy Rate per 1,000 total Live Births.
1968	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	93
Kidwelly.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	93
England and Wales.	0.2	18.0	14.0	12.3	84

CAUSES OF DEATH IN KIDWELLY BOROUGH:

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
B 6 Other Tuberculosis, including Late Effects.....	1	-	1
B19(1)Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach.....	1	1	2
B19(2)Malignant Neoplasm - Lung Bronchus.....	2	1	3
B19(3)Malignant Neoplasm - Breast.....	-	1	1
B19(6)Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.....	2	1	3
B21 Diabetes Mellitus.....	-	2	2
B46(2)Other Diseases of Blood, etc.....	1	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease.....	7	6	13
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease.....	1	6	7
B32 Pneumonia.....	3	1	4
B33(1)Bronchitis and Emphysema.....	2	-	2
BE 47 Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	1	-	1
BE 50 All other External Causes.....	-	1	1
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	21	20	41

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS:

	Duration of life.	Sex.	Place of Death.
None.	-	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Notifications:- There were no notifications received during 1968.

CARMARTHENSHIRE STATISTICS FOR VACCINATIONS:-

SMALLPOX, B.C.G., POLIOMYELITIS AND MEASLES.

Smallpox (Whole County)

Age at date of vaccination.	Number vaccinated.	Number-revaccinated.
Under 1 year.	91	-
1 Year	726	-
2 - 4 years.	197	11
5-14 years.	42	48
15 years or over.	5	17

B.C.G.Vaccination (Whole County)

	Centact. Scheme.	School Children.
Number skin tested.	252	1,066
Number found negative.	175	949
Number vaccinated.	121	932

Poliomyelitis Vaccination (Whole County)

Age Groups	Number of persons who have received 3 doses of Oral Vaccine.
Children Born 1968	679
Children Born 1967	1,151
Children Born 1966	274
Children Born 1965	87
Children and young persons born in years 1961-1964	183
Others under 16 years	58
TOTAL	2,432

Number of persons given reinforcing dose of Oral Vaccine - 241

Measles Vaccination (Whole County)

Age Groups	Number Vaccinated
Children Born 1968	5
Children Born 1967	39
Children Born 1966	50
Children Born 1965	46
Children Born 1961-1964	121
Others under 16 years	14
TOTAL	275

FOOD POISONING:

There were no cases notified or otherwise ascertained during the year.


IMMUNISATION (Statistics - Kidwelly only) 1968

	<u>Primary</u>		
	Ages 0 - 5 years.	Ages 5 - 14 years.	Boosters.
Diphtheria	50	14	19
Pertussis	47	8	12
Tetanus	50	40	21

In addition a total of 481 children from the Whole County of Carmarthenshire, in the age group 0-5 years were immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

It is not known how many of these 481 children lived in the Kidwelly area.

Experience in Wales and elsewhere continues to show the value of maintaining a high level of immunisation in the population against certain diseases. In particular immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, polimyelitis, measles and tentanus. Vaccination against smallpox infection has also proved invaluable. It must be emphasised that where these diseases have been absent for many years, the prevention of a possible serious epidemic depends upon



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the percentage of susceptible persons in the population who have been immunised or vaccinated against these diseases.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

A Mobile Unit of the Welsh Hospital Board visisted the area in November 1968 and carried out two surveys, one at the British American Optical Factory among the employees and one at Trinity Methodist Church for the general population.

The results were as follows:-

British American Optical Factory Employees:-

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Number examined	199	313	512
Number found to be abnormal cases	5	2	7
(a) Referred to Chest Physician as cases requiring further investigation	2	-	2
(b) Other abnormalities of the chest	3	2	5

General Population:

	Number examined	123	116	239
	Number found to be abnormal cases	21	3	24
(a)	Requiring further observations	2	-	2
(b)	Other abnormalities of the chest	19	3	22

NATIONAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:

A Blood Transfusion session was held in the Borough at the British American Optical Factory on the 19th April 1968. 81 persons attended of which 70 were able to donate blood 37 being new donors. 62 (including the new donors) were employed at the Factory and 8 were general public donors.

Sessions for the general public were held at the neighbouring Town of Llanelli. Most people can donate blood to the blood bank, and the amount of blood taken is quickly resotred from the body's reserve which is replaced in a matter of days. With the continued increasing need for blood, I appeal that in the future, more people will donate blood for this most worthy and needy cause.

NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.

Close collaboration is maintained with the Local Inspector of the above Society and mutual action to mitigate distress is taken whenever necessary. The Local Chief Inspector is Mr.D.R.Lewis who resides at 44, Glenalla Road, Lanelli. (Telephone Number 5612).

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - SECTION 47 (as amended 1951)

This section provides for the removal to suitable premises, of persons in need of care and attention. No formal action under this section has been necessary for a number of years, persuasive action having been sufficient to achieve the desired ends. The availability of the powers does aid persuasion in certain cases.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES:

Infant Welfare.	Capel Sul Vestry.	Aldernate Tuesdays.	2.0. to 4.0.p.m.
Ante-natal and Post Natal Clinics.	Capel Sul Vestry.	Fridays.	9.30. to 12.0. noon.
Chest Clinic.	Bay View, Capel Road, Llanelli.	Mondays. Tuesdays. Wednesdays (by appointment only) Thursdays. Fridays.	9.0.a.m to 5.30.p.m. 9.0.a.m.to 1.00.p.m. 9.0.a.m.to 6.00.p.m. 9.0.a.m. to 5.30.p.m. 9.0.a.m.to 5.30.p.m.
		General Practitioners Referrals (X.Ray only) Tuesdays.	2.0.p.m. to 4.00.p.m.
Venereal Disease Clinics.	West Wales General Hospital, Glangwili, Garmarthen.	<u>Males and Females:-</u> First Friday each month Third Friday each month.	2.0.p.m. to 6.00.p.m. 2.0.p.m. to 6.00.p.m.

General Health and Social Services - continued.

Venereal Disease Clinics.	Mount Pleasant Hospital, Swansea.	Males: Monday Tuesday Wednesday	9.0.a.m. to 12.00.noon. 2.0.p.m. to 4.00.p.m. 5.0.p.m. to 7.00.p.m.
		Females: Tuesday Thursday	9.0.a.m. to 12.00.noon. 3.0.p.m. to 5.00.p.m.
Psychiatric Outpatients Clinic.	Llanelli General Hospital.	Every other Wednesday.	2.00.p.m.
Deaf Aid (repairs) Clinic.	Llanelli General Hospital.	Thursdays.	9.0.a.m. to 5.00.p.m.
Physiotherapy Clinic.	Bryntirion Hospital, Swansea Road, Llanelli.	Monday to Friday Saturdays.	9.0.a.m. to 5.00.p.m. 9.0.a.m. to 12.0.noon.
Immunisation (and vaccination if required)	Brynmair Clinic, Goring Road, Llanelli.	Fridays.	10.0.a.m. to 11.00.a.m.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens and samples are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Glangwili Hospital, Carmarthen, and to the Public Analyst, Carmarthen.

DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOOD.

National Welfare Foods are distributed under arrangement with the Carmarthenshire County Council. The centre is open daily at the Borough Offices, Kidwelly.

HOME NURSING EQUIPMENT.

Sick room and nursing articles and equipment for patients at home can be obtained from the County Medical Officer of Health under arrangements made by the County Council. A monthly charge, based on the cost of the item is normally payable. Cases of hardship receive special consideration.

Patients are charged according to the family circumstances and the cost of the article. Equipment provided under the County Council arrangements include: air-beds, air-rings, bed cradles, bed-pans, back-rests, crutches, urinals, waterproof sheets, etc.,

Requests with regard to the provision of equipment should be submitted to the County Medical Officer of Health.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

The Home Help Service is organised by the Carmarthenshire County Council. The Home Helps are provided during the laying-in period in maternity cases where the patient has no relative available to undertake the domestic duties of the home, and also in certain cases of sickness or need. For those in receipt of Social Security benefit domestic help can be arranged when needed through the Department of Health and Social Security. The Health Department collaborates closely with the Officials responsible for the services enumerated above. The area organiser is available for interviews and information at 6, John Street, Llanelli, on Mondays between 2.30.p.m. and 4.00.p.m.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

The County Council provides the service for the care and after-care of people suffering from mental illness or sub-normality and whole-time mental Welfare Officers are employed for this work. The Officer duly authorised to take initial proceedings under the Mental Health Acts for the provision of care and treatment of persons in the area suffering from mental illness is Mr.D.A.David, Glen-view, Gwendraeth Town, Kidwelly.

MENTAL SUBNORMALS.

The Carmarthenshire County Council is responsible for the ascertainment, supervision and general Welfare of mental defectives. Supervisory home visits are made by a Social Worker and a Home Teacher is also employed for the Home Teaching of mental defectives.

There is a Junior Training Centre for Mentally Handicapped Children at Heol Goffa, Llanelli, with teaching facilities for 75 children, and residential quarters for 12 children.

Facilities are also available for short-term care of cases during holidays or illness of the guardians.

CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU.

A Bureau is established at 4, John Street, Llanelli - Office Hours - Monday to Friday inclusive are - 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.noon and 2.00.p.m. to 4.00.p.m. (Telephone Number - Llanelli 5626).

There is also an office of the Carmarthenshire Community Council at 16a, Guildhall Square, Carmarthen, which is open to the Public 9.00.a.m. to 5.00.p.m. Monday to Friday. At the same premises, from 10.30.a.m. to 12.30.p.m., the services of Voluntary advisors are available as a Citizen's Advice Bureau.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

From the 1st October 1968, the Registrar is available at the Borough Offices from 12.00.noon to 1.00.p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

POST MORTEMS.

Post Mortems are performed at the Llanelli General Hospital. The Council's Mortuary was therefore not used during the year.

VAPOUR GAS DISINFECTOR.

This is situated at Llanelli and is used under a scheme operated in conjunction with Llanelli Borough, Llanelli Rural District and Burry Port Urban District Councils.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER: The Town's supply is obtained from wells in different parts of the district and from deep seated springs tapped and delivered by cast iron mains to the Town. The supplies consist of hard-waters which have a high degree of natural purity. All the supplies are chlorinated before distribution in the mains.

CAPEL SUL SUPPLY. This yields a minimum supply during extended drought period of about 12,000 gallons per day.

MILLANDS SUPPLY. During the summer months, this supply is used to augment the Capel Sul Supply.

CAE CEFN SUPPLY. This supply gives a minimum flow of 15,000 gallons per day. A gauging chamber is provided to record the overflow from the collecting chamber which has shown a constant flow of 10,000 gallons daily.

MAESGWENLLIAN SUPPLY. This is from deep seated springs, tapped in a disused silver mine audit level, giving a minimum supply of approximately 36,000 gallons in 24 hours. There is a storage tank for 10,000 gallons.

CHLORINATION OF SUPPLIES. The three supplies are constantly chlorinated, and chlorination tests of water are taken daily.

CARMARTHEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY. This supply serves the Mynyddygarreg and Kingswood areas. During the summer months the supply is used to augment the Town's supply.

The supplies have been satisfactory. 21 samples were taken during the year for bacteriological examination and found to be satisfactory. These samples were taken in addition to the samples of raw water from the above supplies taken by the Llanelli and District Water Board for examination and analysis. The waters are not plumbo-solvent.

The water undertaking of the Council was taken over by the Llanelli and District Water Board on the 1st October 1962.

Scheme completed by the Llanelli and District Water Board during the year in Kidwelly was the supply of water to a Housing Site at Ferry Road.

In connection with the Brondini Scheme, for the supply of water to Kidwelly, 12" trunk main-laying from Pembrey to Kidwelly continued during 1968. Large capacity storage tanks at Five Roads and Pump-house at Felinfoel were under construction. The provision of watermains to Parc Pendre Housing Site was also under construction.

No schemes were completed and no schemes were awaiting approval of the Welsh Board of Health at 31st December 1968.

Schemes under consideration at 31st December 1968.

1. Modernising and up-grading Pumping Station at Kidwelly.
2. New Service reservoir for Kidwelly.
3. 6" reinforcement mains Maesybont to Kidwelly.

Average daily consumption in the Board's area:-

a. Domestic	-	5,271,000 gallons per day.
b. Trade	-	4,503,000 gallons per day.

Total number of dwellings in the Board's area supplied with water - 24,770

Estimated population supplied with water - 78,410

Average daily consumption per head for domestic purposes during 1968 was - 67.2 gallons.

Number of gallons pumped during 1968.

a. From Gwendraeth Fach River	-	190,702,000
b. From River Towy	-	326,315,000

Number of days pumping.

a. Pembrey Pumping Station	-	77
b. Towy Pumping Station	-	96

Total rainfall during 1968.

Cwm Lliedi Reservoir	-	51.30 inches.
Number of days on which rain fell	-	197
Maximum fall	-	2.53 inches.
Date	-	2nd July 1968

BRUCELLA ABORTUS.

In May 1968 a report was received from the County Medical Officer of Health, of a sample of milk from a local farm which had proved positive to a Brucella abortus culture test.

A Notice under the provisions of Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959 was served on the producer prohibiting retail sale of milk from the farm. Arrangements were made for the milk to be treated before sale and use.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.
H.V.L. THOMAS, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.,

GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (INSPECTIONS, ETC.,) OF THE AREA.

Number of Public Health complaints or enquiries received.....	85
Number of persons including property owners interviewed.....	736
Investigations in connection with applications for Council dwellings.....	67
Houses inspected under the provisions of the Public Health or Housing Acts..	42
Council dwellings inspections.....	30
Water Supplies.....	Nil
Abatement of Nuisances (general).....	12
Refuse collection and disposal.....	3
Drainage and Sewage Disposal.....	20
Water courses.....	3
Council House gardens inspections.....	6
Animals.....	1
Dirty conditions.....	6
Accumulations and deposits.....	11
Moveable dwellings (other than licensed sites).....	3
Repairs to water services.....	165
Drain blockages cleared.....	36
Drains tested or otherwise examined.....	1
Dust and effluvia nuisance and smoke nuisance (inspections and observations).....	11
Miscellaneous.....	49
Investigations of Rodent infestations following report by Rodent Operator or other information received.....	1
Verminous premises.....	2
Disinfestation at verminous premises.....	1
Noise nuisance.....	1
Improvement Grants.....	5

INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL.

Investigations and other visits made.....	2
Disinfection of premises following infectious disease.....	Nil

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - SECTIONS 92 and 93 (Nuisances)

Number of informal notices served in respect of nuisances.....	Nil
Number of informal notices complied with.....	Nil

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

No action was necessary under the provisions of this Act. The Council is a member of the Noise Abatement Society.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

There are no such baths in the Borough, but a considerable amount of sea-bathing is enjoyed by the inhabitants during the summer months.

SCHOOLS.

The four schools in the Borough are for infant and primary children and include a Welsh School started in September 1968, in a prefabricated timber building erected for the purpose.

Periodic inspections are carried out at the Schools and the School Kitchen. The County Medical Officer of Health is notified of any defects requiring attention.

A Play Centre (Cylch Chware) is held on Wednesday mornings at Morfa Welsh Presbyterian Church Vestry. The centre is run by volunteers for children between the ages of 2 and 4 years.

CAMPING SITES.

There are no camping sites in the Borough.

SEWERAGE.

Most of the Town is sewered to a sewage treatment plant which provides sedimentation, drying beds and effluent discharge to the Gwendraeth Fach River Estuary.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Number of premises connected to sewer during the year:-

(new properties - 69 Existing properties - 4).....	73
Total number of premises connected to sewer at end of year.....	774
Number of premises to cesspools.....	11
Number of cesspools in area.....	7
Number of premises with alternative arrangements.....	243
Number of notices served to lay sewers through private land.....	Nil

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 - SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Following the closure of the Lime Kilns at Mynyddygarneg in November 1968 which, in 1967, had given rise to smoke and dust nuisance no industrial smoke nuisance occurred within the Borough during 1968.

INDISCRIMINATE TIPPING.

Many inspections were made in connection with trying to prevent nuisance from accumulations and deposits throughout the Town, particularly deposits of all kinds of household and other refuse on the river bank in the centre of the Town. Appeals were made to residents of properties along the river banks and letters were circulated to every household requesting co-operation rather than the Council having to prosecute offenders.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

There are two public conveniences in the centre of the Town which are cleaned and disinfected daily. The one in Station Road provides for Ladies and Gentlemen and the one on the Bridge is a stall urinal. These conveniences are continually being wilfully damaged by vandals.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

House refuse is collected weekly from all houses in the Borough by motor lorry and is tipped on the Morfa Mawr Embankment and Coleman Tip. The vehicle is a Bantam Karrier with a covered top. Refuse receptacles are provided by householders and business people themselves.

FACTORIES ACT 1961.

The prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961, is attached as an Annex at the end of this report.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Number of inspections made.....	4
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OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

16 premises, where the local authority enforces the Act, were registered at the end of the year.

Offices.....	5
Retail Shops.....	10
Wholesale Shops and	
Warehouses.....	1

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

Number of premises Registered under the requirements of the Act.....	1
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CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

There are two licensed residential sites in use in the Borough each with one caravan stationed on the site.

HOUSING.

UNFIT DWELLINGS - REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITH SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of formal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.....	1
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RENT ACT, 1957.

Number of certificates of disrepair applied for.....Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 SECTIONS 9 and 10.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which informal Notices were served requiring repairs.....1

Number of dwellings which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-

a. By owners.....Nil

b. By Local Authority in default of owners.....Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - SECTION 17(1)

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....Nil

Number of Demolition Orders complied with.....1

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....Nil

Number of Closing Orders complied with.....Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - SECTION 18.

Number of Closing Orders made in respect of part of a dwelling.....1

Number of such Orders complied with.....1

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

9 grants were paid during the year as follows:-

Discretionary Grants	-	Nil
Standard Grant	-	9 - £1,647.0.0.

HOUSING PROGRAMME OF THE COUNCIL.

Pre-War	-	Hillfield Villas.....	44
Post-War	-	Hillfield Site.....	32
		Pen-yr-erw Site.....	6
		Horeb Road Site.....	20
		Priory Street Site.....	54
		Gardde Site.....	14
		Flatlets Station Road.....	2
		Priory Street Site.....	2
		Dryntessog Site.....	6
		Porth-y-Castell Flats.....	8
		Parc Pendre Houses.....	26
		Parc Pendre Houses.....	35
		Parc Pendre Flats.....	30
		4 houses were completed by private enterprise during the year.	
		TOTAL -	279

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960-62.

The number and categories of food premises in the area which are subject to the Regulations are;-

	No.	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies.	No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
Butchers.	3	3	3	3
Butter Packing Factory.	1	1	1	1
Cafes and Restaurants.	3	3	3	3
Factory Canteens.	2	2	2	2
Fish Frying.	1	1	1	1
General Stores (Grocers)	18	18	18	15
Ice-cream Manufacture.	1	1	1	1
Licensed premises.	17	17	17	17
School Kitchens.	1	1	1	1
Warehouses.	1	1	1	1

The majority of the premises are family concerns and are combined dwelling/trade premises, with the facilities provided wholly or partly in the domestic parts, which, in most instances, are easily accessible to the food handlers.

UNFIT FOOD.

No certificates were issued for the voluntary surrender of food, found to be unfit for human consumption during the year.

Unfit food is buried in lime on the Council's Refuse Tip.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1963 & AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 1965.

6 samples of milk taken for Bacteriological examination during the year satisfied the prescribed tests.

6 samples of Untreated Milk gave negative results to the Ring Test for *Brucella abortus*.

ICE-CREAM - THE ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.,) REGULATIONS 1959.

9 samples of ice-cream submitted for examination were in - GRADE 1.

ADULTERATION, ETC., OF FOOD.

No action was necessary under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

RODENT CONTROL (PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949)

The Council employ a Rodent Operator on two days per week for Rodent Control purposes in the Borough under the prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

In addition to dealing with notifications of infestations, routine inspections and treatments are made at the Council's Refuse Tip and other lands. The sewers are treated twice annually against rats. Agricultural premises were visited within the restrictions imposed by the Ministry to prevent the spread of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Rodent Control work carried out during the year is indicated in the following table which is a copy of the Annual Report (Form I.R.31) for 1968 required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Properties other than sewers.	Type of Property	
	Non-Agriculture	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district.	1,140	30
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notifications.	217	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats.	112	1
(ii) Mice.	105	1
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	387	1
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats.	55	1
(ii) Mice.	9	-

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

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ANNEX.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1968 FOR THE BOROUGH OF KIDDELLY IN THE COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	No. on Register. (2)	Inspections. (3)	Written Notices. (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	9	9	-	-
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	9	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found. (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.		Referred.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	To.H.M.	By H.M.	
			Inspector.	Inspector.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
a. insufficient					
b. unsuitable or defective					
c. not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)					
TOTAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

